

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 and 18-20 remain in this application. Claims 12-17 and 21-24 have been cancelled without prejudice. No claims have been added or amended. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

35 U.S.C. §121 Election/Restrictions

The Patent Office has issued a restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-11 and 18-20 drawn to a mask, classified in class 430, subclass 5;
- II. Claims 12-17 and 24, drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257; and
- III. Claims 21-23, drawn to a method of forming a circuitry feature, classified in class 430, subclass 311.

In response to the restriction, the Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 1-11 and 18-20) in this application. Applicant makes this election without prejudice to the right to prosecute the non-elected claims in another patent application.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the claims be allowed at the earliest possible date.

Request For Telephone Interview

The Examiner is invited to call Brent E. Vecchia at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request For An Extension Of Time

The Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 for such an extension.

Charge Our Deposit Account

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,
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